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Subject: RE: Oxitec Status in Florida - Draft Note for Your Review

Anne,

7/14 is the public meeting. 7/21 is the next opportunity to vote. Edited note below. Thanks.

Mike

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Ed and Mike, we wanted to give you an update on the current position of Florida Keys Mosquito Control District regarding their decision on the Oxitec EUP. As a reminder, FDACs approved the Oxitec EUP on June 15, 2020 and the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District is currently considering approval in Monroe County. They had a Mosquito Control District Board meeting/workshop on June 23rd to allow Oxitec to present and answer questions from the commissioners. At this meeting, the Commissioners allowed public input, but the public could only make short speeches to the Commissioners and could not ask questions.

There is a public meeting scheduled for July 14 with an opportunity for questions and answers. We have offered to help FDACS, but they have not responded with a specific request at this time. We had briefed FDACS earlier and they have a copy of both the briefing we gave and our risk assessment for the Oxitec EUP. FDACS has provided a link for the live stream feed and we plan to listen in to the July 14th meeting.

The Commissioners have another Mosquito Control District Board meeting on July 21st and may vote whether to conduct the Oxitec releases then or they may wait until their August meeting to vote.